

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to prescribe the time for the biennial meeting of the Legislature of the State of Texas : read third time and passed.

A bill to be entitled an act to suppress Banking: read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Abbott, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to receive gold and silver, at the rate of one dollar thereof for eight dollars in Texas Promissory Notes, for all government dues upon land, and patents for land.

Read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Grimes moved that the Senate recede from their amendment to the bill to be entitled an act authorizing persons who have received donation certificates under the provisions of "an act granting lands to those who were in the battle of San Jacinto and other battles," approved December 20th, 1837, to alienate said certificates, and the lands acquired under them.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Williams, a committee of conference was appointed on the above named bill. Messrs. Williams, Dancy and Gage were appointed said committee.

Mr. Grimes offered the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That the committee on Finance be required to enquire into the propriety of requiring by law the Secretary of State to charge fees for services performed in his office, where the State is not concerned, and that they be required to report by bill or otherwise."

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

The Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

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Tuesday 10 o'clock, A. M.  
February 1st, 1848.

Senate was called to order by Mr. Jewett.



The following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRae, Navarro, Parker, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams, Williamson and Wooten—quorum present.

The chair announced that the President of the Senate was unwell: whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Bourland, Mr. Grimes was called to the chair.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Brashear offered the petition of James A. Mason, attorney of Mrs. Odenath, which was,

On motion of Mr. Brashear, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Cuny presented the petition of Nathan Thomas: referred,

On motion of Mr. Cuny, to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Perkins, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, made the following report:

Committee Room,  
Feb. 1st, 1848.

Hon. J. A. GREER,

*President of the Senate:*

The committee on Private Land Claims, to whom a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Alfred Johnson, was referred, have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

S. W. PERKINS, Chairman.

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Mr. Gage made the following report:



Committee Room,  
February 1st, 1848.

Hon. J. A. GREER,  
*President of the Senate:*

The select committee, to which was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of those persons who are indebted to the State on account of public dues, payable in the promissory notes of the late Republic, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report it back to the Senate, and recommend its passage, with the following amendment, to wit: In the 1st section, last line, strike out "fourth" and insert "eighth."

D. GAGE, Chairman.

Mr. Cuny offered the following resolution:

*"Resolved, by the Senate, That the Committee on Finance, be instructed to take into consideration the expediency of providing by law, for setting apart a portion of the annual revenues of the State, for the purpose of purchasing law books for the use of the State, and placing the same at the disposal of the Judges of the Supreme Court, to be by them invested at such times, and for the purchase of such books as they may deem most advantageous for the interest of the State, and to report thereon, by bill or otherwise."*

Adopted.

Mr. Perkins, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, "A bill to be entitled an act to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or other receiver of public dues in said office, to receive gold and silver, at the rate of one dollar thereof, for eight dollars in Texas promissory notes for all Government dues, upon land and patents for land;" also "A joint resolution relative to a digest of all the laws of the late Republic of Texas, and of such of the laws of Coahuila and Texas, as relate to the landed interest of Texas, and of all the laws of the past and present session of the Legislature."

Mr. Parker introduced a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to employ



competent persons to assist certain county or district surveyors in making county maps—read first time.

The Senate proceeded to the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or other receiver of public dues in said office, to receive gold and silver, at the rate of one dollar thereof for eight dollars in Texas promissory notes, for all Government dues upon lands and patents for land—read third time and passed.

Mr. Parker moved that the nomination of Amos Clark, for Judge of the Sixth Judicial District be taken up—lost.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had appointed Messrs. Rayner, Walling, Stout, Bourland and Stuart, a committee of conference on the part of the House, on a bill to be entitled an act authorizing persons who have received donation certificates under the provisions of "an act granting lands to those who were in the battle of San Jacinto and other battles,"—approved December 20th, 1837—to alienate said certificates and the lands acquired under them.

Joint resolution relative to a digest of all the laws of the late Republic of Texas, and of such of the laws of Coahuila and Texas as relate to the landed interests of Texas, and of all the laws of the past and present session of the Legislature—read third time.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend, by inserting after "Gillespie" the words "and Ebenezer Allen, or either of them."

Mr. Perkins moved to amend the amendment, by striking out "or either of them" and inserting "or any other person"—lost.

Mr. Williamson moved to refer the resolution and amendments to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Brashear moved to amend the motion by referring to a select committee, which was accepted by Mr. Williamson—lost.

Mr. Dancy moved to amend the amendment of Mr. Wallace, by inserting after "Allen" "or Andrew J. Hamilton or Anderson Hutchinson"—lost.

On motion of Mr. Jewett, the previous question was put, and resolution passed.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the judicial districts of the District Courts—read second time, and on motion of Mr.



Jewett, referred to the Special Committee on Judicial Districts.

A bill to be entitled an act to exempt certain property from taxation, designed and used for purposes of religious worship and of education—read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Clark, referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to be entitled an act to locate permanently the seat of justice of De Witt county—read second time, and on motion of Mr. Phillips referred to a select committee—Messrs. Phillips, Dancy and Gage were appointed said committee.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the county seat of Denton county—read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Williams, referred to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Caldwell—read second time, and on motion of Mr. Phillips, referred to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

On motion of Mr. Bourland, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of McKinney & Williams, was taken up and placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the militia of Newton county—read second time, and on motion of Mr. McRae, referred to the Committee on the Militia.

A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Gillespie, read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Cuny, referred to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Hays: read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Gage, referred to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

A bill to be entitled an act concerning the forfeiture of certain neat cattle, hogs or sheep: read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Navarro, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Medina: read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Bourland, referred to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for locating the seat of justice of the county of Newton: read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. McRae, referred to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.



A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of John Keizer : read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Cuny, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the boards of Land Commissioners in each county in this State, from issuing certificates to any claimant whatsoever, unless the applicant or claimant, shall previously thereto, have received a conditional certificate from some competent board, together with report of the committee on Public Lands thereon, offering amendments, was read and report adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled an act to exclude fraudulent land certificates from being evidence of title to land, and to prohibit the issuing of legal process upon the same : read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Williams, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Brashear, Mr. George Fisher came forward and took the oath as interpreter for Mr. Navarro.

Mr. Wallace, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to regulate the price of land patents : read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the heirs of Jeremiah Bowlen : read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Wallace, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Joint resolution, authorizing and requiring the Comptroller of Public Accounts to receive and examine, and settle the accounts of Hugh S. Hope, late Sheriff of Harrison county ; read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Clark, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Joint resolution, proposing the amendment of the Constitution together with the report of the committee on State Affairs thereon, offering substitute was read.

Mr. Abbott moved to lay the resolution, report and substitute on the table, and make them the special order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Wallace proposed the following amendment: add the words "Notaries Public" after the words "Treasurer of the State."

On motion of Mr. Bourland, the report of the committee was adopted.

Mr. Williamson moved to re-commit the resolution, substi-



tute and amendments to the committee on the Judiciary—carried.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas, together with the report of the committee on State Affairs thereon, offering amendments, was read.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the amendments recommended by the report of the committee, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, the resolution and report were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Phillips, by leave, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives be requested to appoint a committee to act with the committee of three on the part of the Senate, on the petition of Stuart Perry.

Adopted.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Parker, on account of ill health.

On motion of Mr. Jewett, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

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Wednesday, 10 o'clock, a. m.

February 2d, 1848.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, McRea, Navarro, Parker, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams, Williamson and Wootten—quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Grimes, Chairman of the committee on Finance made the following report.